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The British Apollo:

OR,

Curious Amuſements for the INGENIOUS.

To which are Added the moſt

Material Occurrences Foreign and Domeſtick.

Perform'd by ſome of the Society of GENTLEMEN, Concern'd in the First and Second VOLUME, with the Aſſiſtance of other Ingenious PERSONS.

From **Monday** November 6th. to **Wedneſday** November 8th. 1710.

GENTLEMEN,

Q. *YOUR Impartial Method of treating upon particular Subjects, and your great Affability in general, emboldens me to Solicite you in this,* viz.

That you would in your next give the World an Account of the Nature of a Tender Conſcience, and whether it be rightly applied to the Diſſenters, *as it is taken under the now common Signification, you would herein no doubt give great ſatisfaction to the World, and lay a perpetual Obligation upon,*

Your Humble Servant, J. P.

A. What a Tender Conſcience is, will appear by the Character of a Perſon that is poſſeſſed of it. "Now he is ſuch a one as has no other end to "ſerve by Religion, but the Salvation of his Soul, "and therefore in the choice of his Religion is con-"cerned for no other way, than that which he be-"leives he can ſecurely walk in: Being free from "all Prejudices of Education. He ſincerely ap-"ply's himſelf to Study his Duty, and neglects no "Pains to underſtand it; for which Reaſon he is "modeſt, humble and docible, and is apt to eſteem "his Governors Wiſer than himſelf: He beleives "that the Authority of the Magiſtrate, who, he "knows, is Gods Vicegerent, ought to have a "greater Influence upon his Conſcience than any "Opinion whatſoever which he has inconſiderate-"ly taken up; and therefore whatever his Duty "to God, revealed to him in the Scripture, ſeems "to him inconſiſtent with the Obedience that the "Magiſtrate requires of him, he labors with the ut-"moſt Diligence to be informed about that Point; "and together with the imploring of God's Aſſi-"ſtance, uſes the beſt Helps and Guides he can, "hears and reads the Argument on both ſides, "and has nothing to byaſs his Judgment but the "plain Force of Reaſon. This is the Character "of a Man of a tender Conſcience, to which (1) Thoſe that are occaſionally Conformits have no Tittle, for if Communion with the Church is unlawful, their Conſcience won't hinder them to join in it; and if it is once lawful, it is always a Duty, becauſe Authority has enjoined it. Nor (2) thoſe that diſſent in order to promote or preſerve their Intereſt amongſt their Friends or Party. Nor (3) thoſe that fancy ſomething inconvenient in the Eſtabliſhed Church, but find nothing Sinful. Nor (4) thoſe who fancy too much Streſs laid upon indifferent Things, ſince this is a Thing that concerns the Conſcience of the Magiſtrate only, and not of the Subject who is bound to obey in all Things not contradictory to the Laws of God. All theſe, we ſay, are falſe Pretenders to a tender Conſcience; and if theſe were cut off, we beleive there wou'd be but few remaining that wou'd refuſe to conform.

Q. Gentlemen, *What is the Reaſon that moſt People appear ſo naturally fearful of meeting Apparitions in the Dark; how come the Images of ſuch things firſt impreſs'd on their Minds, of thoſe who never have ſeen ſuch things, thereby to give grounds for ſuch Images fixt there, and what is the beſt Cure of Fear. Your Anſwer will much Oblige,*

Your Subſcriber, S. M.

A. Darkneſs carries a ſecret Horror in it ſelf, as Light naturally Chears the Spirits. But fear is firſt introduc'd into the Mind, from Images fixt there, by Tales of Ghoſts, Hobgoblins, &c. told Young Children by fooliſh Nurſes, to keep them in awe. 'Tis ſtrange that every wiſe Man ſhou'd not give ſtrick charge to all about their Children, to forbear the follies of ſuch pernicious Conſequence to their Offſpring, when they are grown up, ſometimes to the deſtroying their Manhood, and Diſgracing their Families. The beſt Moral Cure; is often to leave ſuch in in the Dark, and force them

into seeming Dangers, for Fear arises from an Erroneous Judgment, which makes dismal Representations of things, beyond what are in nature; such when they come to experience their Errors, and that their frightfull Apprehensions had no foundations for them, they will grow Couragious and laugh at the Foolish Chymera's they fram'd to themselves before. And it is daily seen in these times of War, especially in Sea Service, that as Rank Cowards as ever were known, have grown Valiant, by being accustomed to Dangers.

Q. Gentlemen, *Is it True, that they Dye the* Bohee-Tea, *as it grows to make it have a good Colour.*

Yours, T. M.

A. Le Compte, who in his Memoirs of *China*, has described the several Species of *Tea* growing there, makes no mention of this particular. Nor is that which which we take to be *Bohea-Tea* by his Description, known by any such Name amongst the *Chinese* themselves. For he says that that which they commonly Drink in *China*, hath no particular Name, because it is gathered any where in different Territories and Soils: it is good, the intution is redish, the Taste faint and somewhat bitter: the People use it indifferently at all hours of the day, and it is their usual Drink. This we say must needs be *Bohea-Tea* both from the Discription, and also because we are assured from other Hands, that this is the ordinary Drink of the *Chinese*: For that which we call *Green-Tea*, they wholly avoid as being too Corrosive and Attenuating.

Q. SIRS, *There being a great Wager laid, that there is an infallible Rule for Playing at* Chess *and* Draughts, *so that a Man cannot loose, that has gained that Rule. Your Opinion is desir'd to decide the Wager, in so doing you will Oblige,*

Your Subscriber, W. W.

A. We have heard much talk of such an infallible Rule but never of any Man that was Master of it. *Bicstrimo*, a most expert Man at the Game of *Chess*, of which he has write an ingenious Treatise, says expressly, that there being 64 Houses in the *Chess-Board*, there may be consequently as many Varieties of Games as 64 can be altered, which are more than there have been Minutes since the Creation; therefore there is no such Rule found out, as whoever hath Play according to it, must necessarily win the Game. Notwithstanding there may be such Precepts and Directions given, that by carefully remembring and observing them, any one may see how to take all Opportunities, to design upon the Adversary, to foresee and prevent his Stratagems with a Return upon himself. So that when two Men of equal Conduct and Experience engage at either of these Games, the Event must be a drawn Game. Our Judgment therefore is, that there is an infallible Rule for preventing the Loss of the Game, but none for Winning it, upon which last we apprehend the Wager was made. But whether it was or no we leave the Disputants themselves to determine. This is certain, that no Plot can be laid at either of these Games, which may not be Answered by a Counter-Plot.

Q. Gentlemen, *Pray, give your Opinion, if you think there is any such thing as a* Pure Disinterested Love, *I confine not my self only to the mutual Affections between the different Sexes, even when their Passions shine in the Brightest manner, but whether there be such a Love in Friendship, or in the most Compassionate Acts of Charity, or can such on any other account whatsoever possess the Soul of Man: But if all our Love is Self-interested, what Praise can be due to it, or what Beauty can there be in it?*

Yours, &c.

A. We readily accord, that there is no such thing in the World, as absolutely *Disinterested Love*, but that *SELF*, in some manner is at the bottom of all in Courtship to the *Fair Sex*: Perhaps there is nothing less than such a *Love*, since the Lovers whole thoughts are fixt on the Felicities he shall enjoy, on his Mistress's Surrendring, and perhaps it scarce'y once enters his imaginations, what Returns she will find. He may perhaps conform his Temper to her, purely to get her into his Possession, but how rarely is such *Self-denial* practis'd after. In the most refin'd *Friendship*, *Self-Interest* is strongly Prosecuted. We are doubly strengthened, to stand Buff against the Insults of misfortunes, our Pleasure is doubled in participating with our Friend in his, as well the Enjoyment of our own, heightened by Communication of it to him: and we have one to bear half the the load of our Griefs. In matters of Compassion, we naturally suffer Pain, on the sight of a Miserable Object, which we ease, when we relieve that; not to insist on the Prospect of a Future Recompence besides. Nay, should we say, that it is a Crime to act in any thing without a Prospect of *Self-Interest*, perhaps it may not be difficult to make it out, for to act against our Interest is in some kind against the Laws of *Self-Preservation* which *Heaven* has implanted as a fixt Rule in our Souls: And our Acts of Charity are Praise-worthy, on what Account soever they are done, while they tend to the good of our Neighbour; but Men's Praise is Proportion to the Virtue manifested in them; they claim the first Place which are done only on Prospect of future Rewards, without any design of Worldly Interest, or for Vain Glory; yet even then they shew their Love and Compassion, or only the Appearances thereof, and that for no other end, but for Applause amongst Men, yet Praise may justly be paid to them thereon, since such Acts of Charity evince, that they are Conscious, there is a real *Virtue* in them, which shews all its Images are not ras'd out of thier Minds; besides, Praises may the better be afforded to them, because it is all the Reward they are likely to meet with.

POEMS.

APOLLO,

Q. GREAT *Numbers, whose Lives,*
Are led with ill Wives,
In hopes you will mend 'em,
Or else better send 'em,
Are daily addressing your Shrine;
Whose Queries still find
Responce to their Mind,
As if 'twere to teach,
By the Doctrines you preach
N'Ill Husbands there were to opine.

The Case Sir is hard,
If we are debar'd,

From

From finding a Queſtion,
And Anſwer t'inſiſt on ;
May tend to our Comfort and eaſe us ;
And when you've profeſt.
Upon our Requeſt,
In matters which grieve us,
Or what might relieve us,
You'd always endeavor to pleaſe us.

To prove, we ſhall find,
You're tender and kind:
And true to your word
Which is on Record,
Pray anſwer the Matter I ſend ye,
Or elſe I no more,
Your Name will adore,
Or ſend to your Shrine,
Any Queries of mine,
But pray to the Gods *to amend ye.*

The matter is this,
(And a ſad one it is)
An Husband *I have,*
(Would he were in his Grave)
That ev'ry Night is ſo Drunk
I wiſh from my Heart,
With th'advice He might part,
Altho in its ſtead
(Which leſſer I dread)
He were ſoundly poxt by Punk.

He's Sullen ſometimes,
(The beſt of his Crimes)
At others, He rages,
Like Hero's *on Stages ;*
And then my Life is not ſecure ;
Pots, Diſhes and Brooms,
Then fly through the Rooms ;
Sometimes at my Head,
Which near ſtrike me Dead ;
Nor can I his outrage endure.

But what ſtill is worſe,
And the Heavier Curſe,
I Taſt no Delights,
Of Hymenial *Rites ;*
For then, he is Snoring or Stinking ;
His Mouth clogg'd and furr'd,
His Breath like ſower Curd,
His Eyes ſeal'd with Gum,
Like Potgun his Bum,
And ſometimes Defunct, *to my thinking.*

Now if you will ſay,
What Method or way,
Or Courſe I ſhall take,
A full cure to make,
I ſtill will adore at your Shrine ;
You Fame aloud ſound,
Your Praiſes ſpread round,
And tall Trophies raiſe,
To all Future Days,
Proclaiming your Counſels Divine;

AMARILLIS.

A. Ne'er yet *Amarillis,*
Or *Silvia*, or *Phillis*,
Or *Daphne*, or *Clora*,
Or what ſomething more is,
Not one of the *Fair Sex* before,
Cou'd ever accuſe us,
Except they'd abuſe us;
We once did decline,
To Anſwer each Line,
When e'er they thought fit to explore.

Your Query in Hand,
We'll Solve on Demand ;
And ſeek to relieve ye,
Where moſt it does grieve ye,
By Teaching a way may affright,
His Wicked Intention,
By way of Prevention,
Of Joys which are due,
To *Hymen* and you,
And making you Curſe the long Night.

When next he is Drunk,
Inſtead of a Punk,
A luſty, fat Swine,
As fitter Mate, joyn,
Twill ſuit with his Beaſtlineſs rather,
Then your ſoft Imbrace,
And (perhaps) Handſome Face ;
Who have a juſt Right,
To ſweeter Delight,
And there let 'em wallow together.

When h'opens his Eyes.
Attempting eo riſe,
And ſees his Foul Mate,
Streach'd by him in State ;
Perhaps he may think it the *Devil*,
And thence may be brought,
To more ſerious Thought,
While the Shame and diſgrace,
Both fly in his Face,
And make him more Courteous and Civil.

SIR,

THE Letters from France continue to talk of a Third Battle in Spain, wherein, 'tis ſaid, the Duke of Anjou was entirely defeated ; but this News is too Material to be believ'd, till it is confirm'd. Other Advices tell us, that there

there has been no general Action, but only an Engagement between 2000 Spaniſh Horſe, commanded by the Count de Torros, and a Detacthment of the Cavalry of the Allies, Commanded by General Stanhope, in which the former were defeated; but tho' this advice ſeems more probable then the other, many will not give an entire credit to it, and 'tis certain, that they knew nothing of ſuch an Action at Barcelona the 17th paſt, when the laſt Letters came away. They tell us from thence, that the freſheſt Letters they had received from the Army of King Charles, were dated the 4th of Oct. from the Pardo, and that that Prince deſign'd to make a Solemn Entry into Madrid the 7th. That City had offered a Supply to His Catholick Majeſty of 40000 Crowns a Month, and Toledo has Submitted to him; Thoſe Letters add, that His Majeſty goes frequently to Madrid, and Rides thro' the Streets with Acclamations of the People; That the Enemy had undertaken to make themſelves Maſters Siguenza, but were obliged to retire; That the French continue to give out, that the Affairs of the Duke of Anjou, take as favourable a turn as they cou'd wiſh for; but 'tis not doubted that things will appear otherwiſe by the next Advices from Madrid.

Which is all from Yours, &c.

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